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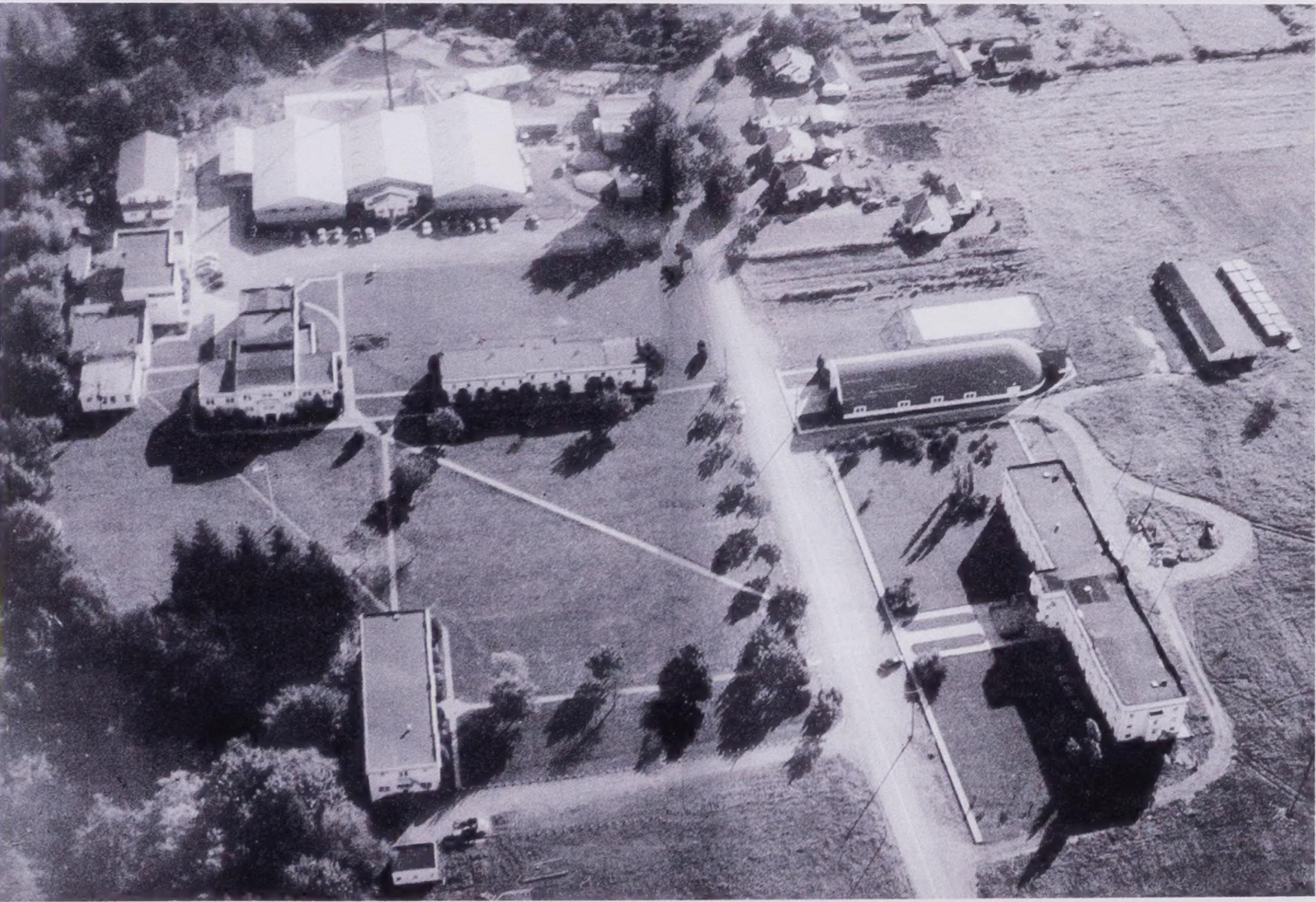
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Historical Sketch | Years 1919 - 2013

Located on a plateau between two rivers, Auburn Adventist Academy, a coeducational boarding school operated by the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was placed amid dense forest in 1919 when it first opened its doors as Western Washington Missionary Academy.

Lyle C. Shepard was the first principal at Western Washington Missionary Academy, which had a new administration building that included classrooms, library, chapel, kitchen, dining room, and residence halls on either side for the men and ladies. Although a fire leveled the \$14,000, all-purpose administration building in 1921, the school continued to grow, using the surrounding timber resources in the new buildings.



Plans were immediately laid for rebuilding the Academy, and by the opening of the school term in 1921-1922, a new administration building had been erected. Also built was the first separate dormitory for the girls, Regina Hall. The boys then moved into East Hall, the building formerly used as a residence for the faculty and workers.

Four years later, during Principal C. A. Shull's administration, the girls' dormitory received a thirty-foot addition to the north. Eleven years later, in 1937, while principal R. L. Hubbs was presiding, an equal addition was made to Regina Hall on the south.

top: 1920s. East Hall used as a boys' dorm.

bottom: 1920s. Ad building, East Hall, and Regina Hall (girls' dorm) from left to right.

During the years 1930-1932, under the principalship of A. E. Green, the Board of Regents indicated that for accreditation, the school must have a new boys' dormitory. The sturdiest trees on the school-owned property were to be used for construction of the dormitory, and since this was during the depression years, and the school needed to provide more work for students the school rented logging equipment and the boys became the logging crew. Teachers and students worked together on the erection of the building. The woodwork shop did all the millwork, making the doors, window frames, and cupboards. The trees used in the project also provided the hardwood for the furniture for Conard Hall at Walla Walla College.

With a most generous gift from Mr. Olaf Gibson, this boys' dormitory, with both hot and cold water, became a reality. The building, named Gibson Hall, was ready for occupancy during the 1932-1933 school year.

In 1930, the school's name was officially changed to Auburn Academy, and in 1971, to Auburn Adventist Academy. In 1931, Mrs. Madge Gould, the music instructor, wrote the words and music to the song, "Auburn We Love Thee." Despite the depression years of the '30s, the Academy flourished under a balanced program of worship, study, and work.



The academy bakery under C. A. Wyman's direction was the school's industry as well as a practical class for students. Mr. Wyman, in charge of the bakery for thirteen years, was the inventor and builder of the automatic bake oven, which provided thousands of meals until 1941 when the electric oven was purchased.

The woodshop, in the school year 1934-1935, was operated on a commercial basis. Ironing boards, clothes racks, kitchen stools, and lawn furniture of all kinds were sold in large quantities, not only in the local markets, but also in eastern cities. By the year 1937-1938, the Auburn Academy woodshop occupied three large buildings totaling approximately 16,400 square feet. Woodworking had now become the major industry of the academy and provided employment for 80 students.

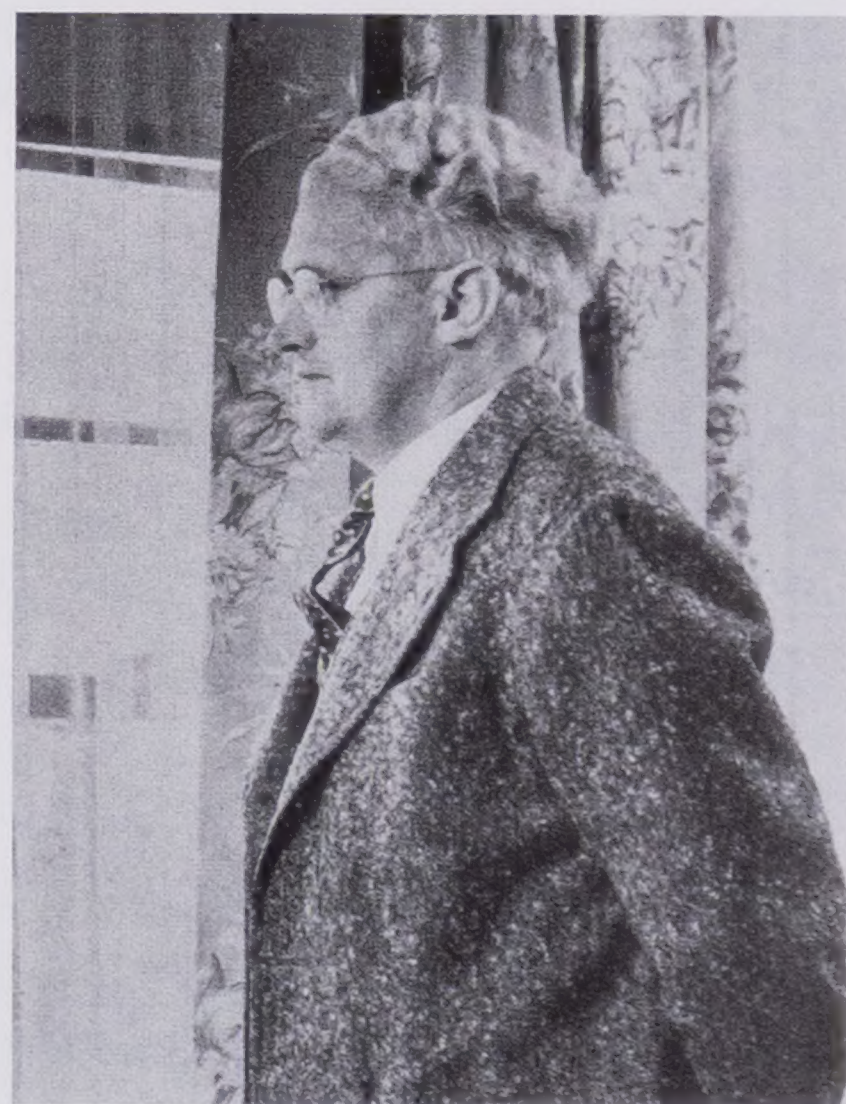
top: 1930s. Ad building lab



The academy farm, supplying the school with fresh vegetables, was also a valuable asset. An excellent herd of cows produced plenty of milk daily. A group of hard-working boys looked after the small herd of heifers, kept the team of horses in first class condition, and cared for the flock of Leghorn chickens, which supplied the school with about 150 eggs per day.

Enrollment fluctuated during the '40s with an upsurge following the end of World War II. An enlarged school cafeteria in the basement of the administration building, completed in 1941-1942, accommodated 260 students. The cafeteria employed 40 students to help prepare meals for the large group. Approximately 280 were enrolled in 1948, the highest enrollment of the decade. To accommodate the increase, South Hall, the new girls' dormitory, was completed in 1949.

Elder Don Spillman, board chairman, broke ground for a three-story dormitory on April 26, 1946. For a project during the school year, the students endeavored to raise \$10,000 toward the estimated \$85,000 for the new girls' dormitory. This campaign was completed during a three-week period, and the students and faculty together raised over \$11,000 under the faculty sponsorship of H. D. Schwartz and student leadership of Donna Spillman. This building, South Hall, was designed to accommodate 110 girls. The top floor was completed in the 1947-1948 school year; the main floor was finished in time for the 1948-1949 school year. 115 girls were housed in the building. The lower floor, containing a worship room, recreation room, and cafeteria was completed in 1949. With the girls in new quarters, the upper floor of East Hall was converted to staff apartments.



top: 1940s. Cars from the 1940s.

bottom: 1940s. Romeo L. Hubbs, principal from 1937-1941.

Regina Hall was changed from a girls' to a boys' dormitory in 1949, and was renamed Manous Hall in memory of N. L. Manous, music and Spanish teacher, 1945-1947, who later died while teaching in Chilean Training School, Chile.

In 1949 the girls' club was named ZETA KAPPA, meaning "Beauty of Character." The Boys' Club, CASA LOMA, meaning "loyal to the Royal in Thyself," had been functioning for some years.

The large auditorium, seating over 4000, was constructed on the Academy campus in 1958 by the Washington Conference for use during the annual camp meeting. During the school year, the auditorium helped to meet the Academy's recreational and educational needs, and continues to do so today.

In 1959 plans were made for a long-range construction project for the academy. It called for re-routing the streets, relocating the houses,

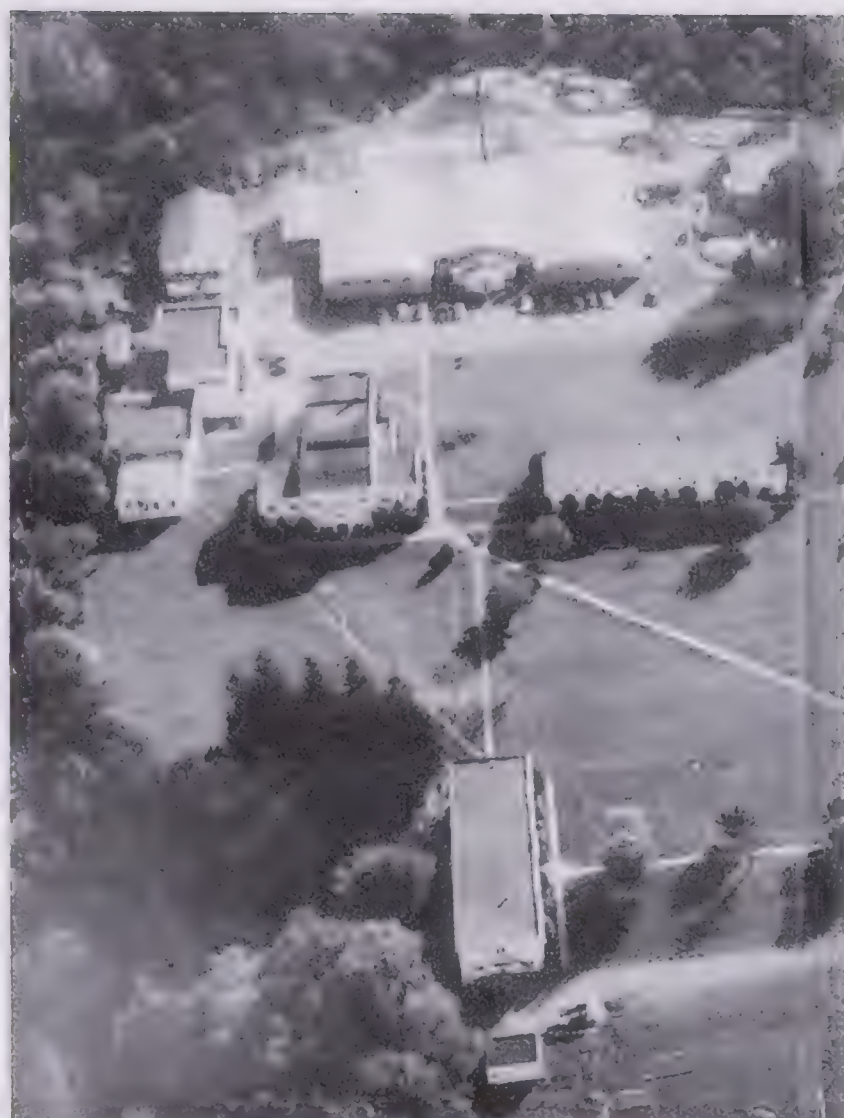


constructing a new administration, boys' dormitory, and church, and extensive remodeling. Plans for a new road to the south of the main proposed campus area were finalized, eliminating traffic through the campus. Faculty homes were relocated in preparation of the new building program. Elder C. L. Witzel, principal and long-time staff member, resigned as principal in

the summer of 1960, after having been associated with Auburn Academy at various intervals since 1926. He had watched the school grow from 125 students to 400 students.

top: 1950s. Campus aerial view before the campus began moving south in the early 1960s.

bottom: 1950s. Students eating in the cafeteria located in the basement of South Hall (later Nelson Hall).



A major construction effort, which began in 1962 with the building of Witzel Hall, the boys' dormitory, resulted in the expenditure of over a million dollars and a southerly shift of the campus. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new boys' dormitory were held on January 21, 1962. The three-story brick structure containing two deans' apartments, a large worship room, a recreation room, guest room facilities, and rooms for 176 boys, was ready for the 1962-1963 school year. The new boys' dormitory was named Witzel Hall in honor of Elder C. L. Witzel, who at that time had been affiliated with Auburn Academy for 22 years.



A modern cafeteria, built on the old Rainier Auditorium site, was completed toward the close of the school year 1962-1963. It was named Rudolph Hall in memory of Miss Irene Rudolph, whose generosity made the building possible.

The Auburn Academy Senate had its first meeting in 1964. This committee, established by the Associated Student Body, was created to help students have a voice on campus and help implement positive changes.

Groundbreaking for the new \$250,000 administration building was held on May 4, 1964. The new building, placed south of the girls' dormitory, featured 11 classrooms, teachers' offices, assembly hall, laboratory, administration and counseling area, and a library. Don Kirkman was the architect for all the buildings. Scriven Hall, the administration building welcomed its first students in January, 1965.



During Christmas vacation 1964-1965, the new administration building was occupied. An open house was held on Sunday, January 24. The

top: 1960s. Class of 1969 officers their sophomore year. In background is the newly renamed Nelson Hall.

bottom: 1960s. View of Ad building and guys' dorm soon after their completion.

building was named C. A. Scriven Hall in memory of a former president of the North Pacific Union Conference. South Hall, the girls' dormitory was renamed Ruby Nelson Hall, in memory of the wife of Dr. Philip Nelson, missionary to India.



L. E. McClain, former dean of boys, held the position of principal from 1960-1965. During the school year 1960-1961, Dr. J. N. Howell assisted Auburn Academy in receiving accreditation with the State of Washington.

The school farm was discontinued; the livestock were sold, and a 2700-foot long airstrip was constructed on the farm. On January 1, 1967, Harris Pine Mills assumed management of the Auburn Academy Furniture Factory. The factory had \$950,000 in sales during its last year of operation. During the summer of 1967, Harris Pine Mills expanded by acquiring and installing additional modern equipment.

The 141-member graduating class of 1968 was the largest in the history of the school, as well as in the history of the denomination. The class donated to the school a 30-foot bell tower constructed on the lawn south of the new administration building.

During 1973-74, a campaign to raise money and take donations of labor and materials was successful. The Industrial Arts Building was completed as a result, and in later years was named Spady Hall in honor of the late Ed Spady, longtime industrial arts teacher at AAA. During the year, the new music building was completed with large band and choir rooms along with offices and practice rooms.



top: 1970s. Student working in the newly completed Spady Hall.

bottom: 1970s. Sylvan Choral.

For many years students and staff had longed for a sanctuary on campus dedicated to the worship of God. In 1979, a new church was begun. First opened for regular service in April of 1981, it stands as a monument to the cooperative efforts of students, staff, and constituents and their commitment to the spiritual priority at Auburn Adventist Academy.

Harris Pine Mills closed their mills suddenly on December 5, 1986, leaving many students without jobs. Principal Wayne Wentland, Bob Willison



and the staff met the challenge, and worked with Conference and local persons to get immediate work for the 60 displaced students. Fast food jobs became available, and the local McDonalds and other outlets appreciated the honest, clean, and pleasant youth that came to work for them. SeaTac Pac picked up speed and employed more students. The hunt was on

for more industries to provide student labor. Several providers such as Ambassador Communications, Andco, and Six-Pac Industries came forward and helped out in the interim.

Adventist Youth in Action (AYA) was formed in 1985, completely student led under the sponsorship of Tom Allen. AYA organized ministry opportunities for students such as clown ministry, visiting trauma centers, and sharing their faith at local churches and school functions. Based on the Biblical model of Acts, students shared responsibilities and leadership.

In 1988, a fire destroyed the Gold Palace, the old I.A. Building and new site of SeaTac Pac. It was traced to some roofing activity which had taken place that day. SeaTac Pac missed only a few hours of production, and moved into new quarters in the Harris Pine's vacated premises.



top: 1980s. Auburn Adventist Academy Church a few years after completion.
bottom: 1980s. AAA gymnastics team.

During spring break of 1990, Miss Toup took a number of students to San Francisco on a science tour. Educational outings included visits to the Stanford Linear Accelerator (SLAC), Berkeley Cyclotron, NASA/AMES Research Center, Moffet Air Field, U.S. Geological Research Center, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.



Wayne Wentland resigned as principal in 1991. During his time at Auburn, Wentland had been a student, assistant dean, head dean, teacher, and finally principal for his last six years. Wayne Culmore followed as principal.

New to Auburn's campus in 1992, the Campus Ministries' office focused on the spiritual atmosphere at Auburn. Led by Marshall Keymer and Tami Graham, it placed an emphasis on providing opportunities for spiritual growth by involving students in the church as well as community activities.



Summer Renewal '93 was a renovation project to update Auburn's campus. Maranatha volunteers gave two weeks of their time to the project, saving the Academy \$400,000. A winter fundraising campaign raised \$170,000. Painting, lowering and replacing ceiling tiles, replacing lights, and remodeling of the administration offices were just a few of the projects completed that summer.

Also in 1993, the Auburn Academy Parents Association (AAPA) was formed as a way for parents to get involved with their students' education in a positive way. AAPA was a way for parents to meet and connect and also a way for parents to be used as resources for helping with needs at AAA.

top: 1990s. Students in the AAA library.

bottom: 1990s. Students sitting in the flag park at center campus before the gazebo was built.

The Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) trip began in 1995 as an opportunity for the Research Physics class to experience the medical field in a practical manner with a tour of the hospital and involvement with the medical center staff.

The Internet came to Auburn Adventist Academy in 1997 to be used for research gathering and general use. Also, the center campus gazebo was finished. It was a gift from both the class of 1969 and the class of 1996.

A fire in Nelson Hall, the girls' dorm, broke out on Monday, November 17, 2003 right before Thanksgiving break. It left the girls without a dorm, but brought the community together in support during the aftermath. All the residents made it out of the dorm safely. Principal Keith Hallam and Head Dean Kay Sanborn placed each girl with community families or in local hotels, and took care of all arrangements for immediate needs and planning for a future girls' dorm.

Auburn Adventist Academy is always growing and changing, and the last few years have been much of the same. Students come to be blessed with a quality Christian education, and in return are a blessing to the teachers, staff, and community members that interact with them on a daily basis. The classroom is important to a quality educational experience, but so are the church, the lunchroom, the ASB meetings, the basketball court, and the trips into the community. Auburn Adventist Academy could not exist without the blessings God has provided through our supporters and friends. May the memories live on as new ones are created daily.



bottom: 2000s. Nelson Hall fire Monday, November 17, 2003.

Auburn Adventist Academy

Mission Statement

To seek divine wisdom, inspire innovative minds, and build eternal relationships.

Vision Statement

United in Passion for Christ

School Song

Hillside and valley, mountains of snow,
Sun on the meadow gleaming far below;
Nestled mid fir trees, our school so dear;
Planted by Heaven, blest every year.

Auburn! We love thee for thy tender memories,
Auburn! We send thee greetings floating on the breeze;
Always we'll cherish all the ideals taught by thee;
Training for service at Auburn Academy!



Auburn Adventist Academy Through the Years





Victor Smiley 1937



Grandson's wedding day

Lois Booth 1946



Olen and Mary Nations 1948

Through the Years



Chaney and Corrine Gillham
Chaney Gillham 1949



Lorraine Day 1953

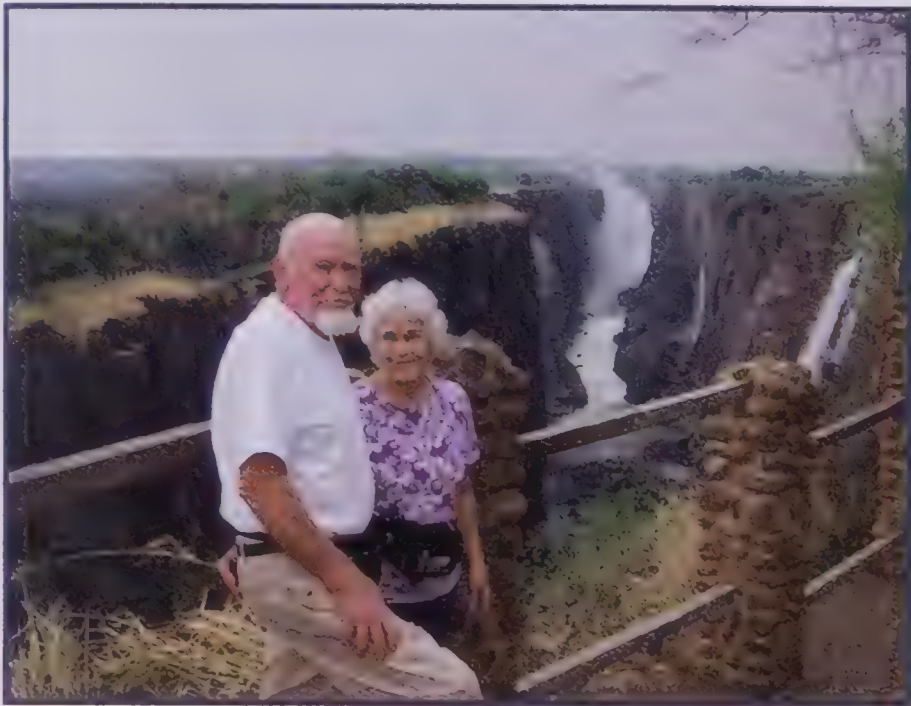


Wayne and Sheila Graden
Sheila Starbuck Graden 1951



Merlin and Juanita Tupper in 2011
Juanita Tupper 1953

1940s–1950s



*Dave and Ida, October 2011,
Victoria Falls, Zambia, Africa*

Ida Warner 1953



50th anniversary with four kids

Charles Stafford 1955



Duane and Carol's 50th anniversary

Duane Thomsen 1956



Ray and Nikki Gonzalez

Ramon "Ray" Gonzalez 1958

Through the Years



Brian and Jan Hilde Leavitt

Jan Leavitt 1959



Marilyn, LaVerne, and children

Marilyn Nelson 1959



2013

Peter "Pete" Bentley 1960



April 2012

Linda Maupin 1960

1950s–1960s



Darlene Newman 1961



Shirley Johnson 1963



2013

Charles "Charlie" Klinke 1963



At age 68

Ellen Klinke 1963

Through the Years



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Melody Davis 1964



Photographing Yosemite, 2009

Kathryn "Kitty" Martin 1964



Sue Duncan 1965



Our business photo...smile

Sherrie Gergovich 1965



Shirley Meitzler 1965



1965, first Banquet Dress at AA

Linda Krueger 1966



Nancy Abbott 1968



Barry and Marilyn, February 14, 2013

Barry Long 1968

Through the Years



Stan and I
Janie Holm 1969



Ernie and Jeanne Humphrey, 42 years
Ernest A. "Ernie" Humphrey 1969



Donn E. Leiske 1970



Paul Faber 1971

1960s–1970s



January 2013

Rowena Moore 1971



Getting older isn't all bad!

Jacquelyn Warwick 1971



Tom Dealy 1973



John Witcombe 1973

Through the Years



Fred and Terri Hebard, December 2012

Terri Hebard 1975



Always loved the sun!

Ali Cason 1976

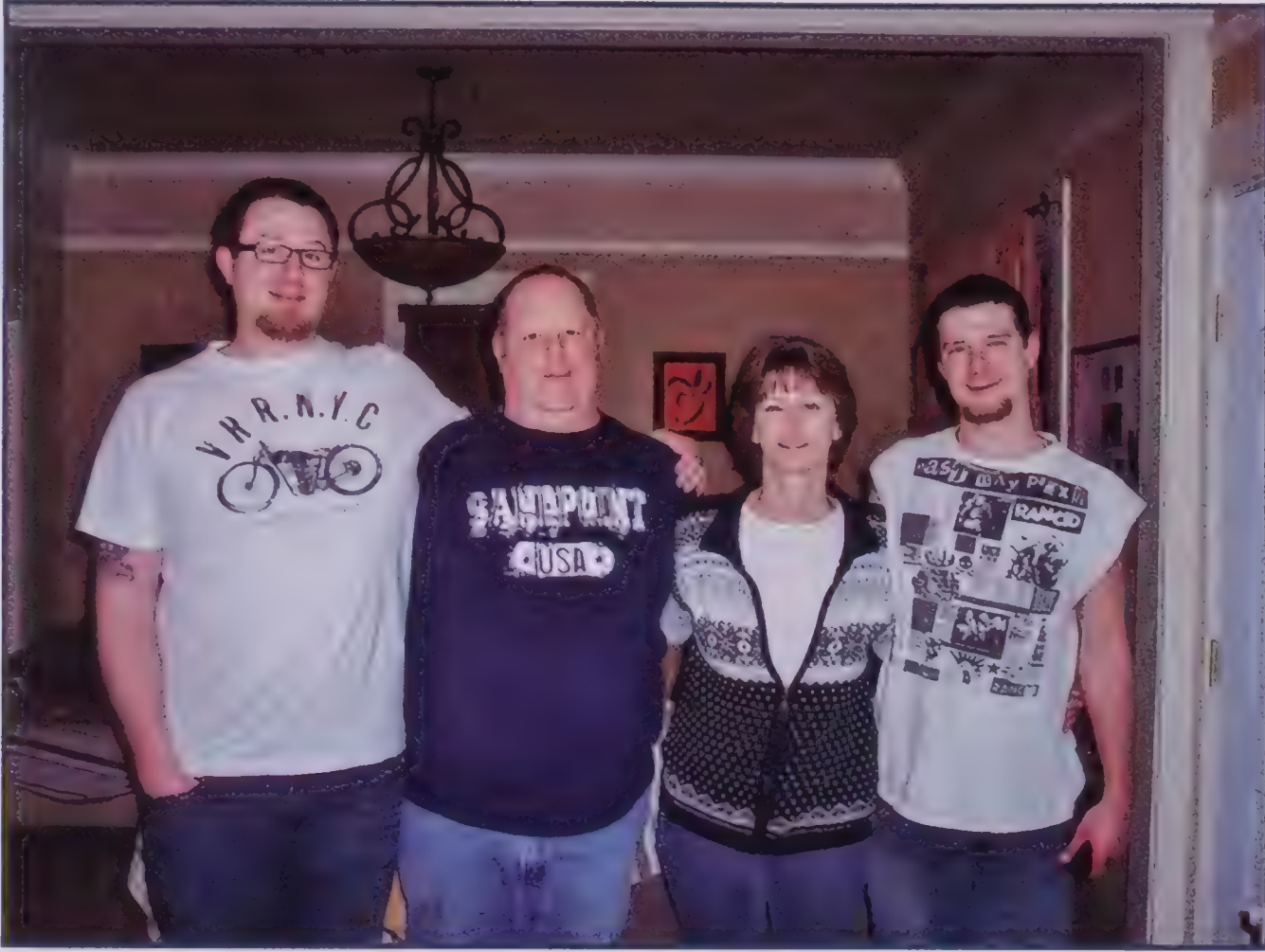


Judi Johnson 1976



Ronda Fontes 1977

1970s–1980s



Hubbard family picture, June 25, 2010

Theresa Hubbard 1977



Perry Chinn 1978



Athabasca Glacier, Alberta, Canada

Loren Davis 1980



Doug and Inge visit the tropics

Douglas "Doug" Houck 1980

Through the Years



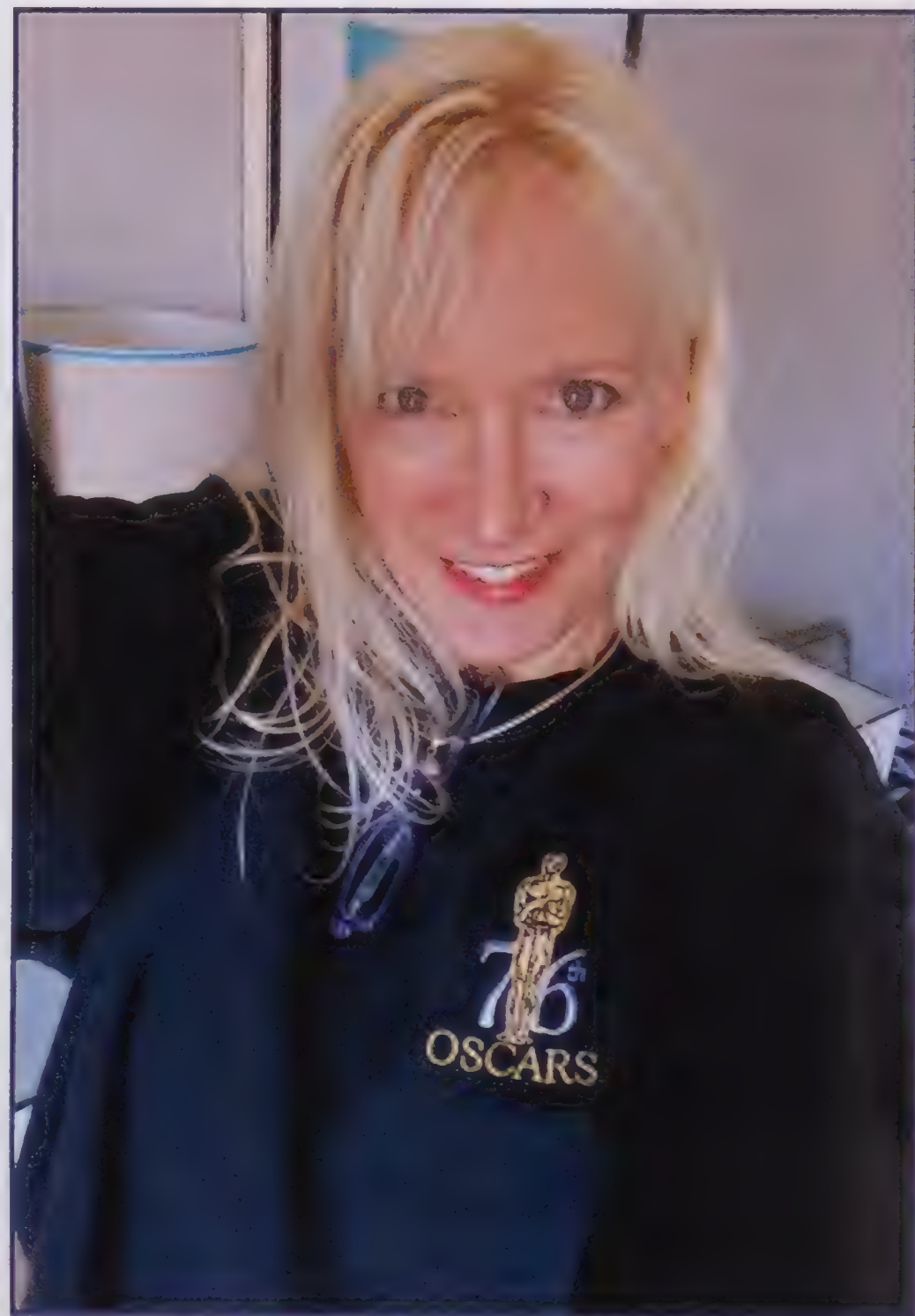
Cancun 2012 with my sister Linda
Rhonda McElroy 1980



Marlene Moore 1980



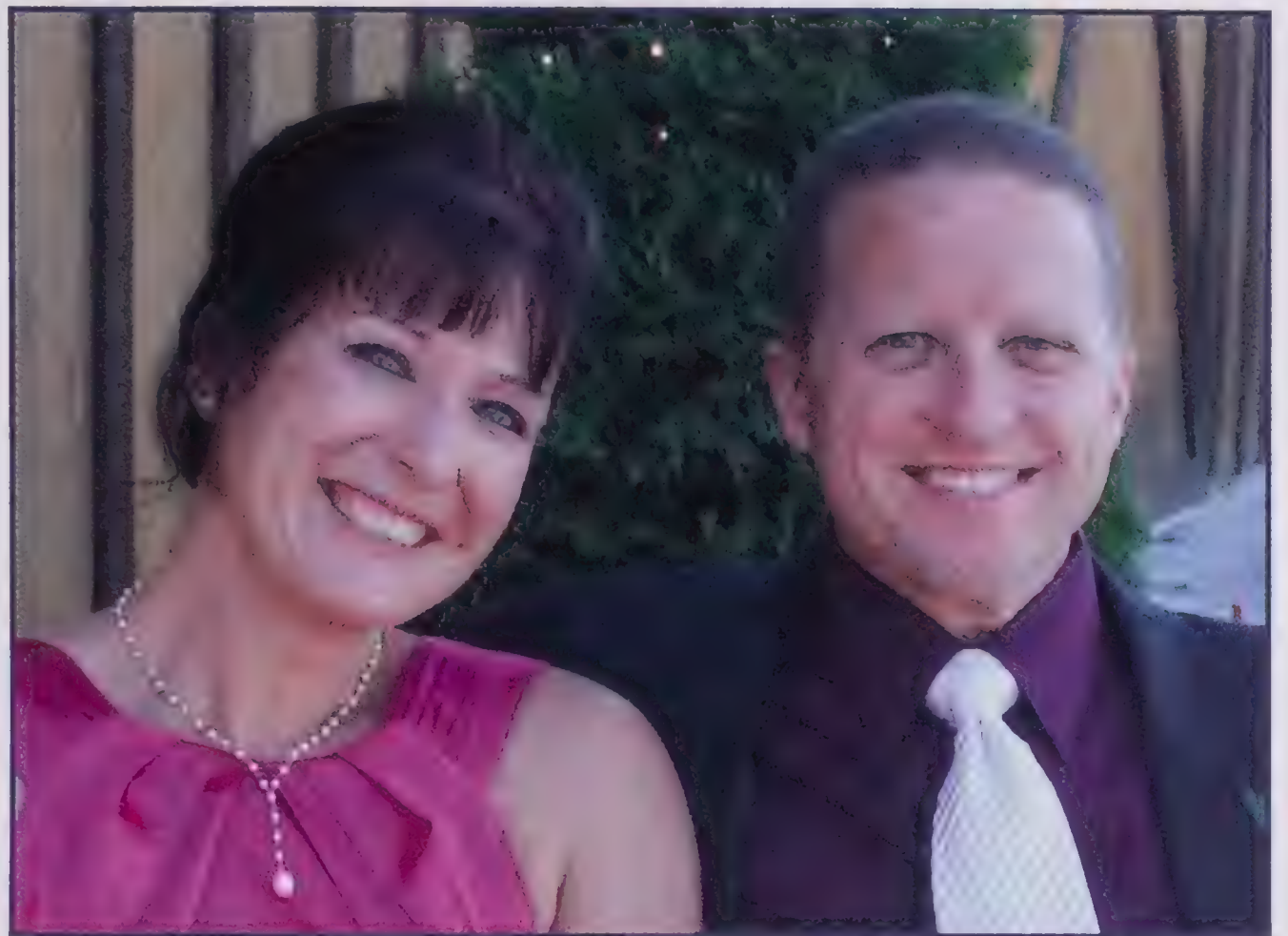
Tracy Petrie 1981



Violinist
Dynell Weber 1981



Jacqueline Jensen 1982



At our daughter's wedding

Reuben Miller 1983



May 26, 2001

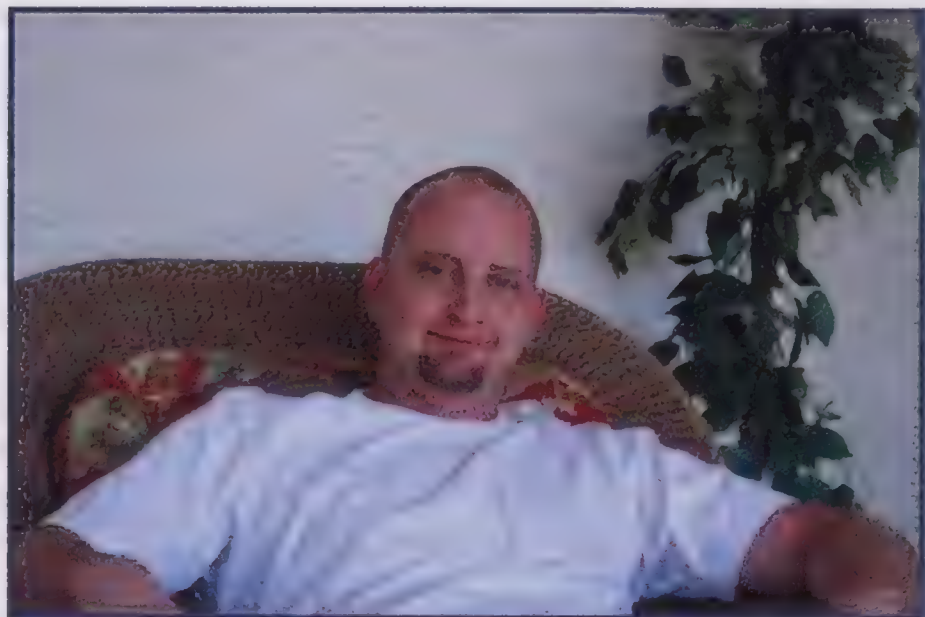
Heather Gerber 1984



Crater Lake, OR

Daniel James 1985

Through the Years



Jeff McCamman 1986



My girls

Dennis Reyes 1986



Julie Lapacek Munko family, 2013

Julie Munko 1988



Party with my friend Blythe

Drena Putz 1988

1980s–1990s



Derin and Shannon Scott and kids

Shannon Scott 1988



Lannise Galbraith 1989



Joshua's first birthday, Akumal, Mexico

Daniel "Dan" Downs 1993

Through the Years



Karin Emery 1994



Melissa Scharffenberg 1994



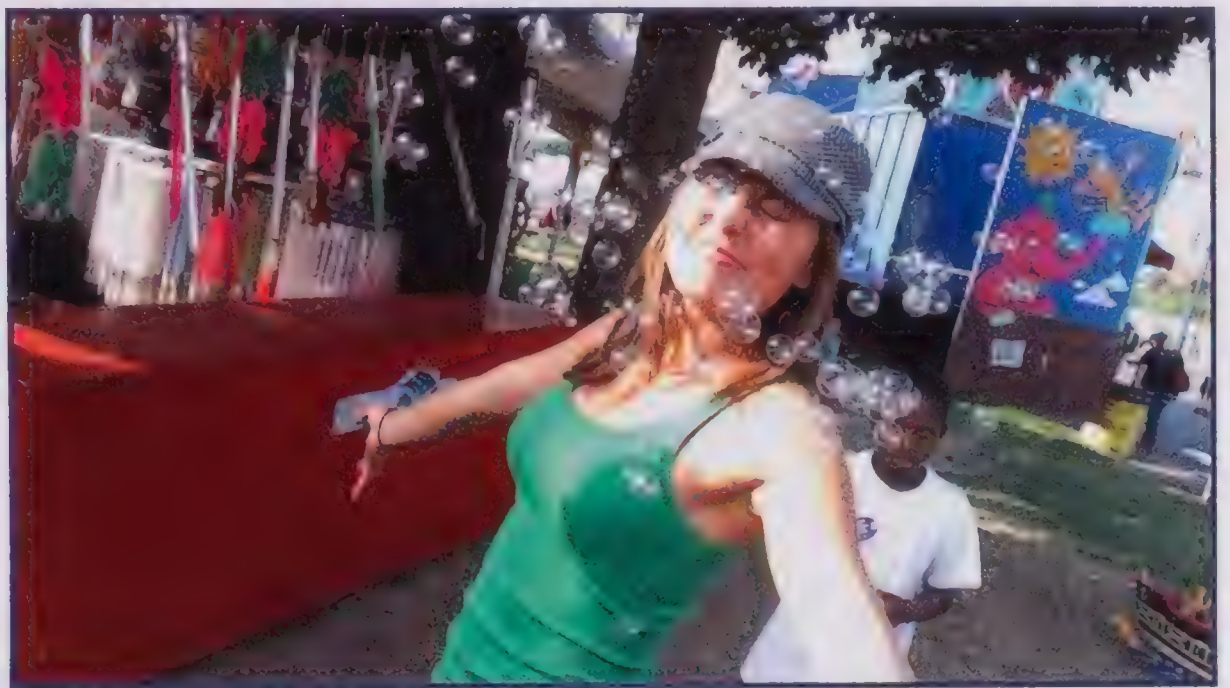
Summer of 2012

Ross von Pohle 1998

1990s–2000s



My son Tyler
Gina Miller 1999



Having fun at the Puyallup fair!
Kamie Salt 2001

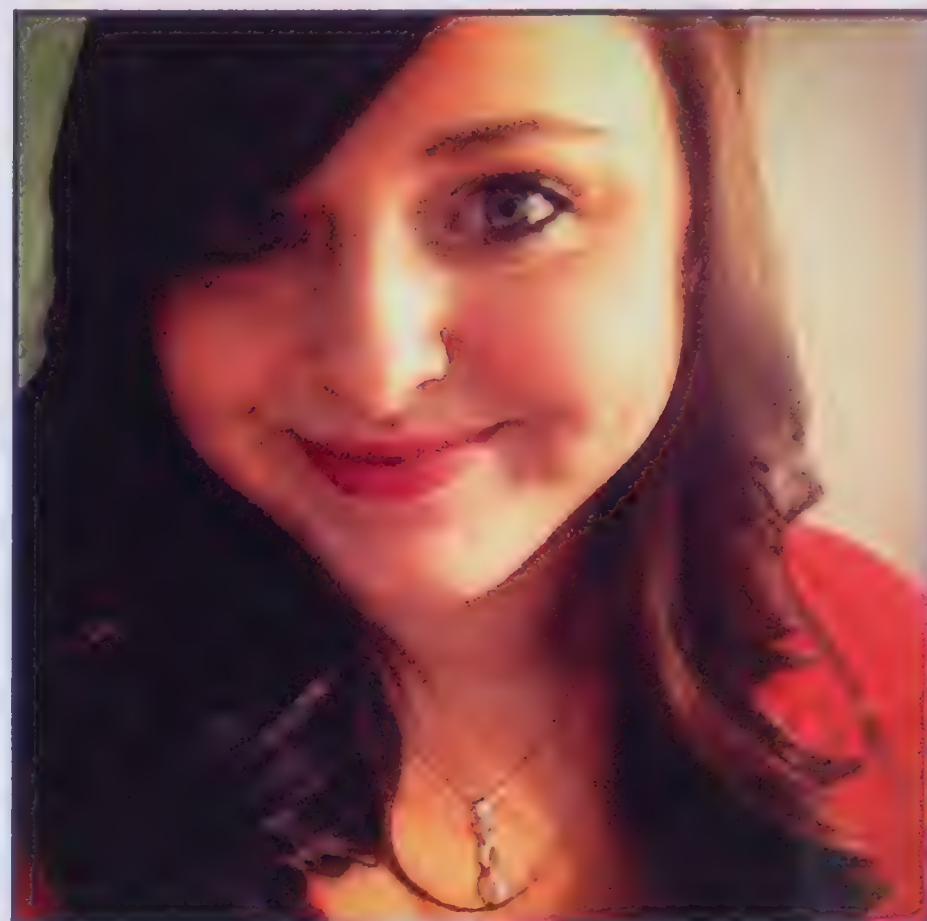


Stephanie Brown 2004



June 20, 2010 - Our wedding

Lindsay Lawrence 2005



Ashlie Heilbrun 2008



In touch - visiting my friend's lake

Arron Pleier 2010

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